



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

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Napa County Planning Commission Board Agenda Letter

TO: Napa County Planning Commission
FROM: John McDowell for Hillary Gitelman - Director
Conservation, Development & Planning
REPORT BY: Jeff Sharp, Principal Planner - 259-5936
SUBJECT: Announcement of 2009 Napa County Watershed Symposium

RECOMMENDATION

2009 NAPA COUNTY WATERSHED SYMPOSIUM ANNOUNCEMENT

Brief information item announcing upcoming 2009 Napa County Watershed Symposium.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The theme of this year's Symposium is "Stewarding Napa County's Watersheds in a Changing World." This year's Symposium will be held from 9:00am - 4:00pm at the Napa Elks Lodge.

The Symposium's keynote address will be provided by Joe Grindstaff, California Deputy Secretary for Water Policy and Director of CAFED. The day's events will be directed by Kate Dargan, California State Fire Marshal, acting as Master of Ceremonies. Four distinct sessions are planned for the day:

- | Addressing anticipated sources of change affecting our watersheds,
- | Perspectives on watersheds - past, present and future,
- | A whirlwind tour of watershed stewardship groups - how are they preparing for change, and
- | A panel discussion - what can Napa County learn about stewardship from other communities.

More information on the event is available on the Watershed Information Center & Conservancy (WICC) website.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Symposium is an opportunity for the community to learn about the most pressing issues facing Napa County's watersheds.

Building on the success of the 2008 Napa County Watershed Symposium, this year's event will tackle the important topics of "Stewarding Napa County's Resources in a Changing World." The 2009 symposium will again bring together numerous local natural resource agencies, nonprofit groups, watershed stakeholders, and interested citizens to learn and share how our natural resources are expected to change over the next 50 years, how different resources are affected by environmental, social, and economic changes, and how current resource management practices can respond to these changing conditions.

Over 150 people attend last year's event and we expect even more to attend this year.

Sponsors for this year's event include: The Watershed Information Center and Conservancy (WICC) Board of Napa County, Napa County Resource Conservation District, Napa County Wildlife Conservation Commission, City of Napa Water Division, Napa County Stormwater Program, Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, West Coast Watershed, Philip Williams & Associates, Riechers Spence & Associates, North Bay Watershed Association, Horizon Water and Environment, Center for Collaborative Policy, and the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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